



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

When I last wrote, the U.S. Postal Service had put the Cherrybell Post Office – Processing and Distribution Center on the “to be determined list,” for which the U.S. Postal Service was delaying consolidation decisions until 2016. The business and community survey deadline was extended to June 30, and as of the writing of this, more than 1,500 community and business surveys have been compiled. The results of the survey will be compiled to give to our Arizona Congressional delegation to use in this effort, as well as the U.S. Postmaster General for review and to reconsider the decision to close Cherrybell.



Here is a sampling of the community responses compiled from the survey:

“The added heat during the summer to mail trucked from Tucson to Phoenix and back to Tucson adds several hours of high temperatures that are bad for many medicines. So now I can't get my medicine by mail.”

“My prescription drug insurance plan requires me to use a mail order service for all maintenance medications. Being on a fixed income, I cannot afford to use expensive alternative shipping methods. Longer postal delays will put my health at risk if prescriptions do not arrive in a timely manner.”

“We get some weekly or monthly recurring mail (and checks). It is now 24-48 hours later than before. (If a check arrived on a Friday in the past it now arrives on a Saturday or even the next Monday). We make a few payments by mail (EFT not possible for these). In the past we allowed 5 business days, now have to allow 7 to 10. Mail is routinely delivered much later in the day as well - 3-4 hours later.”

“Paperwork for an appointment sent to me by my Doctor who is 5 miles away and was postmarked Monday May 18, was not received at my home until Thursday May 21 and delivered after my Doctor Appointment”

“Get a disability check from insurance company and it seems to take much longer now to have the check delivered, They will not do direct deposit,”

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"Delivery of some bills are now done on foot. I take water bill to office rather than mail. Also electric. I want them there before due date so am not charged a penalty."

Here is a sampling of the business responses compiled from the survey:

"We live in Tucson and have owned small businesses here since that 1960s. We prefer the Post Office for shipping over UPS and FedEx. Mostly the cost is in slowing transactions down, which we cannot quantify precisely. Actually, the biggest annoyance is that we no longer have a Tucson postmark. We didn't realize that clients paid that much attention. Some think we are in Phoenix, moved, whatever. VERY annoying that a growing city of our size lost its postmark."

"It is hard to measure the cost but it has certainly been an inconvenience. It takes longer for the businesses we work with to receive payments and it takes us longer to receive orders for items purchased for our business. Whenever possible, we make payments on-line, so as not to incur late fees, due to never quite being sure how long it will take for payments to be received by mail."

"As a CPA, the increase in time to receive and send time-sensitive materials has been very costly in terms of billable time and receipt of payments."

"Previously, checks mailed from Tucson to Tucson would arrive the following day. Now that mail is being processed in Phoenix, it takes several days. We operate a residential construction business. Many of our subcontractors are small businesses with extremely tight cash flows. If a check takes 3 days to arrive (and then must be processed by their bank), this sometimes results in them not being able to make payroll for the week."

"As the company bookkeeper, I operate out of a home office. As a consequence of the postal service delays, many subcontractors request picking up their payments from my home. This is not a situation I desire but often am put in this position so that the small businesses we work with can afford to pay their employees that week."

"As a furniture consignment business, we send out hundreds of checks every month to our consignor partners. We have been in business for almost 20 years. We have noticed an increase in consignors saying "where's my check?", when we have already sent checks out. My business is HomeStyle Galleries, 1010 S. Wilmot and 2950 W. Ina Rd., Tucson, AZ. The cost is in the good will of the business: more customer resolves, more employee time assuring people that their checks are "out there", that they have been sent. We are dependent on the USPS running efficiently to maintain the good reputation of our business."

I want to thank the people and businesses of Southern Arizona who took part and filled out the survey on the importance of keeping Cherrybell open and fully operating.

Arizona's Congressional Delegation, U.S. Representatives Kyrsten Sinema, Ann Kirkpatrick, Ruben Gallego, Matt Salmon, Trent Franks, Martha McSally and Raul Grijalva are working on keeping our post office and processing center open.

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"We've been working tirelessly to highlight in Congress and locally the devastating impact that closing the Cherrybell Facility would have on our community, and passage of this provision is a clear sign those efforts are having an impact," said Rep. McSally. McSally had led a effort in March by members of the Arizona delegation to call on Postmaster General Megan Brennan to revisit decisions that would consolidate operations at the Cherrybell Facility and see the facility's impacts first-hand.

"The U.S. Postal Service is an important service in the lives of Arizonans I represent, some of which have limited financial means. They wait patiently for the mail to deliver everything from energy assistance checks to medications, and they do not have the resources to employ private delivery services," said Rep. Grijalva in his letter to the Postmaster General. "I am talking about veterans, seniors, non-profits serving the community, and thousands who are getting by on two jobs. To reduce their Postal service is to disenfranchise struggling Arizonans and make their lives even tougher."

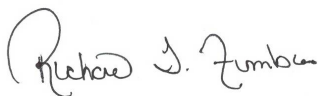
Congressman Grijalva, along with Mayor Rothschild and I, will be speaking with the Deputy Postmaster General about the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center. I also had gotten word on Tuesday, June 23, at the Mayor and Council meeting that Arizona Governor Doug Ducey will be sending a letter to the U.S. Postmaster General Megan Brennan urging to keep Cherrybell open.

Tucson and Southern Arizona has more than 1.5 million people and 26,000 businesses that would be affected if our postal center is closed. The Postal Service still has not done an impact study on the closure. Processing centers in Boston, Buffalo, Detroit and Cincinnati were slated for closure had studies conducted and were taken off the list. These cities have smaller populations than Tucson and Southern Arizona, and their populations are decreasing.

We may have been successful in this battle but this war is far from over.

Give Tucson its postmark back!

Peace,



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Vice Mayor

Proposition 409 Update

The voters of the City of Tucson approved Proposition 409, the road bond measure for \$100 million over a five year period (\$20 million annually) to work on and repair Tucson streets. We have seen many roads in our Ward worked on and repaired thanks to Proposition 409. Here is the update of the work completed in Ward 5 and as well as projects to be done with funding for Proposition 409. There are a lot of projects so we apologize for the print font, the list was provided by Tucson Department of Transportation.

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Complete	Fiscal Year	Ward	Route	From	To	Treatment
✓	14	5	10th Av	19th St	22nd St	Seal Coat
✓	14	5	10th Av	43rd St	44th St	Seal Coat
	16	5	10th Av	22nd St	26th St	Seal Coat
	17	5	10th Av (10th Av Project)	18th St	19th St	Structural Overlay
	17	1,5	12th Av	44th St	Santa Paula St (North)	Structural Overlay
✓	14	1,5	12th Av	38th St	42nd St	Seal Coat
✓	14	1,5	12th Av	42nd St	44th St	Seal Coat
	15	4,5,6	22nd St	Alvernon Wy	Swan Rd	Seal Coat
	18	5	22nd St	Kino Pw	Intersection	Seal Coat
	16	5,6	22nd St	Tucson Bl	Alvernon Wy	Structural Overlay
	18	5	23rd St	Cherrybell Sv	Intersection	Seal Coat
✓	14	5,6	29th St	Craycroft Rd	Wilmot Rd	Seal Coat
✓	14	1,5	44th St	12th Av	10th Av	Seal Coat
✓	14	5,6	6th Av	18th St	Intersection	Seal Coat
✓	14	5	6th Av	23rd St	25th St	Seal Coat
✓	14	1,5	Ajo Wy (ADOT IGA @ I-19 & I-10)	I-19 Exit Ramp (West)	Country Club Rd	Structural Overlay
	17	1,5	Ajo Wy (Exclude ADOT IGA @ I19 and I10)	14th Av	Country Club Rd	Seal Coat
	17	5	Ajo Wy (IGA: I-10 Project)	Kino Ajo Connection Ramp	Kino Ajo Connection Ramp	Seal Coat
	17	5	Alvernon Wy	22nd St	29th St	Seal Coat
	17	5	Alvernon Wy	Transconn Wy	Valencia Rd	Seal Coat
✓	15	5	Benson Hy (Benson Hy Project)	I-10	Irvington Rd	Structural Overlay
✓	14	5	Bilby Rd	Del Moral Bl	Campbell Av	Seal Coat
✓	14	5	Bilby Rd	Nogales Hy	Park Av	Seal Coat
	15	5	Bilby Rd (Nogales Hy Project)	Nogales Hy	Intersection	Structural Overlay
	17	5	Bilby Rd (Nogales Hy Project)	Nogales Hy	Nogales Hy	Seal Coat
✓	14	5,6	Broadway Bl	Euclid Av	Park Av	Seal Coat
	15	5	Campbell Av	Benson Hy	Valencia Rd	Seal Coat
	18	5	Campbell Av	Warren Av	Intersection	Seal Coat
	15	5	Campbell Av (Benson Hwy Project)	Benson Hy	Benson Hy	Seal Coat
✓	15	5	Campbell Av (Benson Hy Project)	Benson Hy	Intersection	Structural Overlay
	18	5	Cherrybell Sv	22nd St	Intersection	Seal Coat
	16	5	Corona Rd	Tucson Bl	Country Club Rd	Structural Overlay
	16	5	Country Club Rd	Drexel Rd	Los Reales Rd	Structural Overlay
	15	5,6	Country Club Rd	Broadway Bl	Aviation Pw	Seal Coat
	17	5	Country Club Rd	Pennsylvania St	Drexel Rd	Seal Coat
✓	14	5	Country Club Rd	Ajo Wy	Intersection	Structural Overlay
	15	5,6	Country Club Rd	Broadway Bl	Aviation Pw	Structural Overlay
	17	5	Country Club Rd (Ajo Wy Project)	Ajo Wy	Ajo Wy	Seal Coat
	16	1,5	Craycroft Rd	Grant Rd	29th St	Structural Overlay
	17	5	Drexel Rd	Tucson Bl	Country Club Rd	Seal Coat
	17	5	Drexel Rd (Nogales Hy Project)	Nogales Hy	Nogales Hy	Seal Coat
	15	5	Drexel Rd (Nogales Hy Project)	Nogales Hy	Intersection	Structural Overlay
✓	14	5	Euclid Av	Broadway Bl	12th Av	Seal Coat
	18	5	Fairland Sv	Silverlake Rd	Intersection	Seal Coat
✓	14	4,5	Golf Links Rd	Ajo Wy	Swan Rd	Seal Coat
	18	5	Irvington Rd	Park Av	Benson Hy	Seal Coat
	18	1,5	Irvington Rd	I-19 Ramp (East)	6th Av	Seal Coat
	18	5	Irvington Rd	6th Av	Park Av	Seal Coat
✓	15	5	Irvington Rd	6th Av	Park Av	Structural Overlay
	16	1,5	Irvington Rd	I-19 Ramp (East)	6th Av	Structural Overlay
✓	15	5	Irvington Rd	Park Av	Benson Hy	Structural Overlay
	18	5	Kino Pw	22nd St	Intersection	Seal Coat
	15	5	Nogales Hy (Nogales Hy Project)	Irvington Rd	Drexel Rd	Structural Overlay
	15	1,5	Nogales Hy (Nogales Hy Project)	Valencia Rd	Los Reales Rd	Structural Overlay

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	18	5	Nogales Hy (Nogales Hy Project)	Drexel Rd	Valencia	Seal Coat
	18	5	Nogales Hy (Nogales Hy Project)	Irvington Rd	Drexel Rd	Seal Coat
	18	1,5	Nogales Hy (Nogales Hy Project)	Valencia Rd	Los Reales Rd	Seal Coat
	15	5	Nogales Hy (Nogales Hy Project)	Drexel Rd	Valencia Rd	Structural Overlay
	17	5	Park Av	36th St	Tucson Market Place Bl	Seal Coat
	17	5	Plumer Av	Medina Rd	Elvira Rd	Structural Overlay
	18	5	Silverlake Rd	Fairland Sv	Intersection	Seal Coat
	18	5	Silverlake Rd	Kino Pw	Campbell Av	Seal Coat
✓	14	5,6	Stone Av	18th St	Intersection	Seal Coat
	15	4,5,6	Swan Rd	22nd St	Intersection	Seal Coat
✓	14	5	Tucson Bl	Valencia Rd	City Limits	Structural Overlay
	17	5	Tucson Market Place Bl (Park Av Project)	Park Av	Kino Pw	Seal Coat
	17	1,5	Valencia Rd	12th Av	Alvernon Wy	Structural Overlay
	18	5	Valencia Rd	Alvernon Wy	Alvernon Wy	Seal Coat
	15	2,4,5	Wilmot Rd	29th St	Golf Links Rd	Seal Coat
✓	14	4,5	Wilmot Rd	I-10 Exit Ramp (South)	Hermans Rd	Seal Coat
	17	2,4,5	Wilmot Rd	29th St	Golf Links Rd	Structural Overlay
	17	2,4,5	Wilmot Rd	Golf Links Rd	Intersection	Structural Overlay



Broadway Baseline Alignment Approved by Mayor and Council

The City of Tucson Mayor and Council voted 7-0 to adopt a Baseline Alignment Concept for Broadway: Euclid to Country Club and approved guidance for the technical design that will now begin. This vote took place at the June 9 Mayor and Council meeting. The technical design phase will develop the alignment concept into plans that will be used for construction, which is projected to begin in 2018. The Baseline Alignment reflects the Broadway Citizens Task Force (CTF) recommendations, which they made following an extensive public process earlier this spring.

The Broadway: Euclid to Country Club Baseline Alignment Concept includes six travel lanes with bus pullouts where possible, six-foot-wide sidewalks, and six-foot-wide bicycle lanes, which is consistent with and supports the project scope and design provided by the Regional Transportation Authority and Pima County. The Baseline Alignment Concept as illustrated minimizes the number of building acquisitions and demolitions and maintains as much business access and parking as possible. The technical design phase will develop this concept into plans that will be used for construction. Guidance for technical design provides additional priorities to add width to sidewalks, bike lanes, and for

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landscaping and water harvesting when opportunities allow.

The vote also directs staff to begin conversations with impacted property and business owners, as well as updating the Major Streets & Routes Plan with this adopted alignment; and to begin compiling information regarding future land use options to be used following right-of-way acquisition. The concerns that were brought forward to me from property owners and businesses on the South side of Broadway were forwarded to the staff overseeing the Technical Alignment phase, as well as the Director of the Transportation Department, the City Manager and to the Director of the Office of Integrated Planning, who will oversee the discussions with impacted property and business owners. Please note: Property negotiations will not begin until the project technical design reaches 30%, which is anticipated in spring 2016. Funding to purchase properties, as well as the granting of authority by the Mayor and Council to enter into negotiations, must be in place before Real Estate can begin this process. These steps will happen when the design reaches 30%.



The road widening will address regional mobility needs by improving infrastructure for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders, while enhancing the look, feel, community character and economic vitality of the area. Regular updates will be provided during the technical design process and posted online on the web site. This \$71.3 million project is one of 35 major regional corridor projects that are part of the 2006 voter-approved, \$2.1 billion Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Plan. The project is funded by the City of Tucson, Pima County and the RTA.

I would like to thank my appointee, Mr. Jamey Sumner for his dedication in serving as a member of the Broadway Citizens Task Force and to the business and properties owners along Broadway. This has been a very long process of which your input was received and greatly appreciated.

The project is currently in the design phase, with utility relocations and construction anticipated for late 2017- 2018. For more project information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/broadway, call (520) 622-0815 or email broadway@tucsonaz.gov.

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Mayor and Council Approval Final Budget for FY 16.

The Mayor and Tucson City Council voted to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 \$1.368 billion Recommended Budget. An ordinance establishing tax levies in accordance with the adopted budget was approved at the June 23 meeting.

Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget: <http://1.usa.gov/1K9V4xG>



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City Begins Process to Hire New Police Chief

The 15-member Citizens Advisory Committee for Police Chief Appointment will help interview finalists to replace Tucson Police Chief Roberto Villaseñor, who has announced plans to retire in December. The committee was created by the Mayor and Tucson City Council. The City also has a \$43,400 contract with search consulting firm Police Executive Research Forum. Mayor and Council will get final say on the candidate selected by the City Manager. The job announcement will be posted in early August and will be open for one month. A final selection is expected to be made in November.

City Charter

The Mayor and Tucson City Council voted to put two measures to revised the Tucson City Charter on the November general election ballot. Under one proposal, would give the Mayor a full vote on the hiring and firing of appointed city officials and count towards a quorum. The other proposal would have Department Director positions removed from civil service classification and serve as "at will" employees. I brought forward the proposal to have our City charter review and am pleased that the hard work of the citizen's committee created, will come before the voters this November.



Read more about Charter changes: <http://1.usa.gov/1ric9Ps>

City Council Votes to Consolidate General Election

In order to not create voter confusion, the Mayor and Tucson City Council voted to consolidate the City General Election with the Pima County Bond Election. That means Pima County will be in control of the General Election. The City Clerk's Office will conduct the mail-in August Primary Election as usual, but will then turn over the balloting to the Pima County Elections Department for the November General Election. Tucson's 218,000 active voters all will receive vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election in August. For the General Election, only the 135,000 city voters registered on the Permanent Early Voter List will receive mail-in ballots. The others will have to either request a mail-in ballot or vote at a polling place.



City Clerk's Office (Elections): <http://1.usa.gov/1FQteax>

Pima County Bond Projects

In Ward 5, there are more than \$30 million in proposed projects for the 2015 Pima County Bond Election. These include: \$20 million for the innovation and technology building at the U of A Tech Park at the Bridges, \$2 million for El Pueblo Center Improvements, \$1 million for Quincie Douglas

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Center Expansion, \$250,000 for Buffalo Soldiers Memorial in front of Quincie Douglas Center, \$350,000 for Willie Blake Park, \$3.175 million for South 12 Cultural and Culinary Corridor, \$2.3 million for the Silverlake Park Expansion. If approved by the voters, this was be of great benefit to Ward 5 residents.

Interactive Map of the Bond Projects: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=1152caf3211d47fcaaedc8effb99dd5e>

City Approves Increase in Environmental Services Commercial Collection Rates

The Mayor and City Council this week unanimously approved the first increase in four years for Environmental Services' (ES) commercial waste collections. The increase was reviewed and recommended by the Environmental Services Advisory Committee and will net approximately \$250,000, which will be used to replace aging vehicles. This committee recommended no change to the residential rates. The Council also authorized ES to move forward with a \$10 fee for the Food Waste Collection Program. The program was initiated last July with the University of Arizona Compost Cats and has collected nearly 400 tons of food waste. There will be no changes to residential collection rates. ES has been able to maintain the same residential rates for five consecutive years by identifying operating efficiencies and reducing petroleum-based fuel use, personnel costs, and vehicle fleet size.

Watch meeting replay on Tucson 12: <http://1.usa.gov/1BYaDTU>

Read agenda materials: <http://1.usa.gov/1Ghpaim>



Sun Link Streetcar

The streetcar continues to exceed expectations. The one millionth rider celebration was reached about two months ahead of projection and celebrations were held on each car. Everyone received prizes, but the millionth rider received some special gifts. Follow the Tucson 12 video link below to celebrate with winner Anna Bjornsen.



Video from Tucson 12: <http://bit.ly/1BurZs3>

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!

As the former Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Governor Janet Napolitano, we worked to decrease the number of fatalities and injuries due to impaired driving.

This Fourth of July, 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' The Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays. And why not? Families and friends gather to celebrate our country with food, parades, parties, picnics and fireworks.

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And yet there is a very dark side to this great holiday. For many, the celebration includes alcohol, but the holiday quickly goes from festive to fatal when people choose to drive after drinking.

From 2009-2013, nearly 40 percent of all traffic fatalities over the Fourth of July period occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. In 2013, Forbes magazine named the Independence Day holiday "the most dangerous holiday of the year."



To crack down on drunk driving this Fourth of July, law enforcement will be out in full force, aggressively targeting those who put lives in danger. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that 10,076 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in the United States in 2013—representing almost a third of all crash fatalities. By comparison, during the July Fourth period that year, 39 percent of all crash fatalities involved alcohol-impaired drivers.

In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, yet people continue to break the law and drive drunk. And the rate of high-BAC impaired driving is astounding. In fatal crashes during the July Fourth period in 2013, more than one-fifth (21%) of involved drivers or motorcycle operators had BACs of .15 or higher—almost twice the legal limit.

Law enforcement is not messing around this Independence Day: if you're caught driving drunk, you will be arrested. And keep in mind that aside from putting your life and the lives of others at risk, driving impaired can also lead to serious consequences. A DUI arrest can mean time in jail, loss of your license, and steep financial expenses; the average DUI costs about \$10,000.

If you do decide to drink this 4th of July, please make the following preparations beforehand:

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins. Before drinking, designate a sober driver. If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to call 911
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take your friend's keys and help your friend make other arrangements to get to where he or she is going safely.

Tucson Police Department Recruiting Officers

The Tucson Police Department (TPD) is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer Recruit. Successful candidates from this testing period will be considered for any funded academy class(es) within the next six months. The earliest academy that will be filled from the list is this September, but the date may be adjusted if necessary. Applications are being accepted through June 28. TPD plans to hire aggressively this year.



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Read more from TPD: <http://1.usa.gov/1ryvy0q>

Official job description from City of Tucson: <http://1.usa.gov/1Ji1huV>

Ride along with an officer who gives advice about joining TPD, from Tucson 12 archives: <http://bit.ly/1lwGNO>

City Readies Waitlist for Subsidized Housing

The City's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is preparing to open waitlists for three subsidized housing programs. Waitlist applications for public housing units and units in the moderate rehabilitation program will open on June 15, while waitlist applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program will open on July 1 at 10 a.m. All applications must be completed online through the application portal (link below).

Application portal: <http://bit.ly/1lpCrcg>

Department of Housing and Community Development: <http://1.usa.gov/1eTyrUT>

New Pass Offers Teens Discounts

Tucson's new SummerGo Youth Pass is available now for \$45. The pass gives high school students unlimited rides on public transit, free entrance to 18 City pools, and discounts at various attractions. SummerGO can be purchased at several recreation centers and City pools, but only through the end of June. The pass is valid now through Aug. 5. A student ID is required for purchase. So far, approximately 1,500 passes have been sold.

SummerGO Youth Pass: <http://bit.ly/1cZIOQN>

City Offers \$2 Swim Lessons

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the American Red Cross Aquatics Centennial Program, still has spots available for \$2 summer swim lessons (ages 6 months to 17 years) for those who qualify for the Discount Program. Find out if you qualify by viewing the Discount Program at the link below, or by calling 791-4877. You must register for the discounted lessons in person at 900 S. Randolph Way. For those who don't qualify, swim lessons will be \$15. Lessons are offered in four, two-week sessions, with eight lessons per session during June and July. Eighteen pools throughout the city are open until Aug. 5.



Parks and Recreation discounts: <http://1.usa.gov/1D6qPCu>

Parks and Recreation website: <http://1.usa.gov/1ua6RJt>

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Summer Safari Nights

Enjoy Reid Park Zoo and cooler evening temperatures at a series of themed nights featuring different zookeeper chats, animal encounters, artifact stations, enrichment-making activities, crafts, and scavenger hunts. The event runs every Friday, 5:30-8 p.m., through July 10. The bands and animal themes change each week. Tomorrow's theme is Uniquely Ungulates – featuring giraffes, zebras, camels & tapirs. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online (follow link below).



Summer Safari Nights: <http://bit.ly/1HwX2uS>

Reid Park Zoo: <http://bit.ly/1dJgCDh>

Fight the Bite!

As the monsoon approaches, Tucson Water is again a partner in “Fight the Bite,” an effort to help protect residents from West Nile Virus, which is transmitted to animals and humans through bites of mosquitoes that previously have bitten infected birds. Weekly monitoring of adult mosquito populations, weekly application of larvicide, and twice-weekly night adulticide fogging take place at Sweetwater Wetlands. Health experts say the best ways to minimize your contact with mosquitoes are to remove any pots or items with standing water, make sure there are no holes in screening on your home, wear long-sleeve shirts and pants, and use mosquito repellents that contain DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

Fight the Bite: <http://1.usa.gov/1QtGRTP>

Tucson Water: <http://1.usa.gov/1kA18Hj>

Congratulations and Thank You's

Amazon Lists Tucson Among Well-Read Cities

Tucson is ranked No. 4 in Amazon's fifth annual list of the Most Well-Read Cities in America. The ranking is determined by compiling data of all book, magazine and newspaper sales in print and Kindle format from April 2014 to April 2015. The survey rankings were compiled on a per-capita basis in cities with more than 500,000 residents. The Pima County Public Library reports 399,000 people have its library cards, and 41 percent of those who borrow electronic books actually purchase them later.



Juneteenth Celebration

On Saturday, June 20th the 2015 Tucson Juneteenth Festival took place at Mansfield Park, 2000 N. 4th Avenue.

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The 150th anniversary of our country's Juneteenth celebration occurred this year. Celebrations in Tucson and around the USA aim to increase knowledge and appreciation of the roles, achievements and contributions of African Americans to our society and pay tribute to this important milestone in our nation's history -- the annual commemoration of the end of slavery, when our nation finally and truly became "the land of the free." Congratulations on another wonderful event!

Racial Reconciliation Conference

The Tucson Racial Reconciliation and Community Outreach Network will be held their 2015 Conference on June 13th.

Elder Martha Wills and Deacon William Wills and Sunshine Ministries hosted the conference, which has brought Tucson's community together for more than three decades. Congratulations on a great conference!

I had the honor and privilege of honoring the following individuals for their work at the Tremia Cox, Steve Wright, Tammy Flores, Pastor Elwood McDowell, Dennis Freeman, Pastor Rita Montgomery, Chaplain Raymond Helms, Joyce Walker Tyson, Pastor Ken Kemp, Linda Leatherman, Pastor Cheryl Lopez, Pastor Eli Lopez, Pastor Dan Johnson, Naomi Mendez, Barney Murray, Jacqui Murray, Beverly Thompson, Ron Thompson, Constance Wills, Martha Wills, Regina Wills, William Wills and Sherree Carradine.



Remembered

Mr. Burney Starks

Our community lost a great leader with the passing of Burney Starks. Burney was a longtime educator at Pueblo Magnet High School.

He was known for his many community activities, especially for being the driving force behind Tucson's Juneteenth celebrations. A 1969 graduate of Pueblo, Starks was a U.S. Army veteran who worked as a counselor, drop-out prevention specialist and campus supervisor for TUSD. Starks was involved in many community organizations and served on the boards of the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, the Dunbar Coalition, the America Israel Friendship League, Southern Arizona Academic Decathlon and the Warrior Alumni Foundation. He also served on the Tucson MLK Celebration Committee and was a member of the Kiwanis Club. Starks is survived by his wife Ruth, and five children: Ben, Burney, Elizabeth, Bryan, and Rebekah. Burney will be greatly missed. (Picture from tucsonsentinel.com.)



Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Code Enforcement & Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services Abandoned Shopping Carts

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Street Maintenance and Potholes

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

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ParkWise

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Loose or Dead Animals

Pima Animal Care Center
724-5900



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